1	2	3	
(ii) Tamil Nadu Dadha	Kg.	32.99	106.2
4 *Cisplatin*			
Tamil Nadu Dadha	Gms.	723.0	557.0
5 *Cyclophosphamide*			
	Nil		
6 *Ftorafpur*			
	Nil		

Drug Prices Equalisation Fund Arreas

619. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(b) whether it is a fact that total amount due from drug companies under Drug Prices Equalisation Fund Account has crossed rupees one thousand crores from 1980 uptill today;

(b) whether Government have worked out the exact amount, if so, the total amount due under the account;

(c) what is the total amount collected so far from 1980 alongwith the name of each drug company and amount collected;

(d) by when the total amount due will be collected; and

(e) whether it is a fact that Government are proposing to open New Cell to expedite recovery, if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) The final figure of the amount due has not yet been worked-out.

(c) Sarabhai Chemicals Limited, a unit of Ambalal Sarabhai Enterprises have paid Rs. 20 lakhs and M/s. Fulford India Limited Rs. 50 lakhs into the Drug Prices Equalisation Account.

(d) The process of recovery is on in accordance with due process of law.

(e) No, Sir. The amount due from each company are being, however, expeditiously finalized.

Drugs Prices under exempted category

620. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of medicines falling under exempted category of Drugs Price Control Order, 1979 have gone up from 100 per cent to 400 per cent from January, 1980 to January, 1987;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by his Ministry to bring these medicines under price control;

(c) what was the prices of each pack and strength of flexedil Injection, Largectil Tablets, Stemetil Tablets, Dulcolex Tablets, Testoviron Injection, Clearasil Cream, Vicks Vaporub, Hydergine Tablets, Aquaviron Injection, Gentamycin Injection, Nasavion Drops, Complan, Farex, Glucon-D Lacktodex in 1980 and what is their present price;

(d) what was the percentage increase in each case;

(e) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to decontrol medicines; and

(f) if so, what is the justification in the light of past experience?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) As per the provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979, formulations of category I, II and III are only price controlled. Manufacturers are free to revise the prices of formulations falling under the exempted category.

(b), (e) and (f) With a view to ensure abundant availability of reasonable prices of essential and life saving drugs of good quality, the Government after due consideration has recently announced some policy measures and constituted an Expert Committee to identify drugs under the proposed Category II. It is not correct to suggest that Government have decided to completely decontrol medicines.

(c) and (d) Information to the extent available is shown in the attached Statement.

STATEMENT

Name of the Drug	Name of the Company	Pack Size & Strength	Retail Price		% age change
			As on 1980	Present Price	
1	2	3	4	5	6
Flexadil Inj.	M]s. May & Baker	10 amps.	18.46	40 61	+120.0
		10ml Vial	7.42	20.31	+173.7
Largactil Tabs.	Do.	10mg. Tab 10	0.77	2 23	+189.6
		25mg. Tab 10	1.09	3.55	+225.7
		50mg. Tab 10	1.64	5.33	+225.0
		100mg. Tab 10	2.73	7.61	+178.8
Stemetil Tabs.	Do.	5mg. Tab 10	0 88	5 99	+500.7
		25mg. Tab 10	1.40	8 73	+523.6
Dulcolax	M/s. German Remedies	Dragees 10—10	10 30	14.60	+41.7
		Dragees 250	20 71	N.A.	..
		Adult 5 Supp.	4 00	5.37	+34.3
		10 Supp.	35.00	10.10	+71.9
		Infant 5 Supp.	3.45	4 66	+35.9
Testoviron Inj.	Do.	25mg 10amps	16 50	18.30	+10.9
		50mg 10amps	26 00	28 00	+10.8
		100mg 10 amps	51.00	91 00	+78.4
		50mg 10amps	95.00	161.90	+70.4
Clearasil Cream	M/s Richardson Hindustan Ltd.	20gms.	3.73	9.50	×154.7
Vicks Vapurub Oint.	Do.	5gms.	0.94	1.90	×102.1
		35 gms.	5.37	9.65	+79.7
		60gms.	7.35	14.70	+100.0
Hyderzine Tabs.	M/s. Sandox	30 Tabs.	12.04	110.68*	+819.3
Aquaviron Inj.	M/s. Nicholas	1ml Vial	1.48	5.84	+294.6
		B. 12 Inj. 1ml Vial	2.44	7.15	+193.0

1	2	3	4	5	6
Gentamycin Inj.	Do.	1.5ml Vial 2.0ml Vial	7.70 11.37	5 41 9 82	—29.7 —13.6
Nasavion Drops	M/s. E. Merck	10ml	4.50	9.27	+160.0
Complan.	M/s. Glaxo	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	..
Farex	M/s. Glaxo	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	..
Glucon-D	M/s. Glaxo	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	..
Lacodex	M/s. Raptakos Brett	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	* ..

*Composition.

Drugs prices under new drug policy

621. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there will be 12 to 25 per cent hike in the prices of all drugs needed for the national health programmes under the new drug policy announced by the Government recently; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINSTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Drug (Prices Control) Order based on the new measures is yet to be announced. Adjustment of prices based on new measures would result in reduction in prices of some products and increases in prices of others.

USSR offer for National power grid

622. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the USSR has offered to set up a national power grid and a complex service centre to look after maintenance and repair of power plants;

(b) if so, whether Government of India have agreed to this proposal;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (d) At the Indo Soviet high level meeting held at New Delhi in January, 1987, it was agreed that (i) there will be exchange of information at a mutually agreed time on the various aspects of the Indian Transmission Systems and the programme of development of the National Grid and (ii) the parties will examine the possibilities of extending their cooperation in the field of repair and maintenance of the power plants, utilising Soviet equipment.

Lignite mines in India

623. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of lignite mines presently being operated in the country; and

(b) whether any additional reserves of lignite have been located by Geological Survey of India during their exploratory drillings during the year 1986?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) There are four lignite mines in operation in the country